

Claims

- [c1] A vehicular rearview mirror assembly, comprising:
- a base assembly comprising a base frame for mounting the rearview mirror assembly to a vehicle;
 - a reflective element mounted to the base frame for providing an occupant of the vehicle with a rearward view; and
 - a low friction bearing interposed between the base frame and the reflective element for facilitating movement of the reflective element relative to the base frame.
- [c2] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 1, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a ball bearing.
- [c3] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 1, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a roller bearing.
- [c4] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 1, wherein the reflective element further comprises a mounting frame attached to the reflective element, and the base assembly further comprises at least one arm moveably connected to the mounting frame, and the low friction bearing is interposed between the at least one arm and the mounting frame for facilitating the movement of the mounting frame relative to the base assembly.
- [c5] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 4, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a ball bearing.
- [c6] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 4, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a roller bearing.
- [c7] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 1, wherein the base assembly further comprises at least one arm moveably connected to the base frame and the low friction bearing is interposed between the at least one arm and the base frame for facilitating the movement of the at least one arm relative to the base frame.
- [c8] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 7, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a ball bearing.

- [c9] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 7, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a roller bearing.
- [c10] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 7, wherein the moveable connection comprises a pivot connection, the base frame comprises parallel spaced-apart flanges, and the at least one arm is interposed between the parallel flanges to form the pivot connection.
- [c11] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 10, wherein the low friction bearing is interposed between the at least one arm and the parallel flanges.
- [c12] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 11, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a ball bearing.
- [c13] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 11, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a roller bearing.
- [c14] A vehicular rearview mirror assembly, comprising:
 - a reflective element mounted to a mounting frame for providing an occupant of the vehicle with a rearward view;
 - an extension arm mounted to a vehicle and moveably attached to the reflective element assembly; and
 - a low friction bearing interposed between the mounting frame and the extension arm for facilitating movement of the reflective element relative to the extension arm.
- [c15] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 14, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a ball bearing.
- [c16] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 14, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a roller bearing.
- [c17] A vehicular rearview mirror assembly, comprising:
 - a base assembly comprising a base frame for mounting the rearview mirror assembly to a vehicle;
 - at least one support arm for supporting a reflective element and moveably connected to

the base frame for selectively folding the reflective element against the vehicle and extending the reflective element away from the vehicle; and
a low friction bearing interposed between the base frame and the at least one support arm for facilitating movement of the reflective element relative to the vehicle.

- [c18] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 17, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a ball bearing.
- [c19] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 17, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a roller bearing.
- [c20] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 17, wherein the moveable connection comprises a pivot connection, the base frame comprises parallel spaced-apart flanges, and the at least one support arm is interposed between the parallel flanges to form the pivot connection.
- [c21] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 20, wherein the low friction bearing is interposed between the at least one arm and the parallel flanges.
- [c22] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 21, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a ball bearing.
- [c23] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 21, wherein the low friction bearing comprises a roller bearing.
- [c24] A vehicular rearview mirror assembly, comprising:
a base assembly comprising a base frame for mounting the rearview mirror assembly to a vehicle;
at least one support arm for supporting a reflective element and pivotably connected to the base frame for selectively folding the reflective element against the vehicle and extending the reflective element away from the vehicle; and
a pair of parallel spaced-apart flanges, wherein the at least one support arm is interposed between the parallel flanges to form the pivot connection.
- [c25] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 24, wherein the pivot connection comprises

a ball bearing.

[c26] A rearview mirror assembly according to claim 24, wherein the pivot connection comprises a roller bearing.